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Greece 25X1A REPORT NO. COUNTRY 16 March 1953 DATE DISTR. Re-publication of Nea Dimokratia SUBJECT 25X1A NO. OF PAGES REQUIREMENT NO. 25X1A DATE OF INFO. **REFERENCES** PLACE ACQUIRED 25X1X

- 1. The New Dimokratia, Athens newspaper of John Palaskas, is scheduled to be published again soon with the same type of "special" articles. Tor this purpose Palaskas is reportedly trying to gather derogatory information to attack Sophocles Venizelos, John Moatsos, General Nicholas Plastiras and their circle. Offices of the newspaper have already been rented in Room Nos. 48 and 49 in the Pesmatzoglou Building. It will circulate first as a weekly and then as a daily, provided, of course, its circulation continues to be allowed.
- Another avowed purpose of the newspaper will be to develop a new political field with "healthy democratic principles."

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1. Comment: Source states that the <u>Nea Dimokratia</u> appeared for one day on 19 October 1952 containing an article against Venizelos which "revealed his dirty linen." Palaskas was immediately arrested on libel charges and the newspaper was closed down.

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